JULIET HAS BIG SHOES TO FILL?!

FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL, CLASS 2-2 WILL BE FEATURING...
WELL, MAJORITY RULES, SO...
YEAH
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
...STARRING MASARU YAMASHITA AND HARUNA AIZAWA!
...THE LITTLE MONKEY AND JULIET"...
WAIT A MINUTE!!

Monkey High!

THERE'S NO WAY I'M DOING THIS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "LITTLE MONKEY"?! ISN'T IT ROMEO?!
I'M NOT DOING IT!
THIS ISN'T A DONE DEAL!
FOR DRAWING "CLASS PLAY" AGAIN FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL. YOUR ROMEO AND JULIET'S SAVED ME!
And for that, I'm eternally grateful.
THINK OF IT AS SAVING ME FROM ALL THE FLACK I GOT...
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL. IT'S JUST...
YOU JUST THINK THIS IS FUNNY!
THIS IS THE RESULT OF AN OFFICIAL VOTE!
OH, C'MON, HARUNA!

I'LL DO YOU A FAVOR, MACHARU.
I'LL LET YOU BE A HUMAN ROMEO.
WHO MADE YOU BOSS?!
I'M GONNA BE A HEROIC ROMEO!
EVEN SHAKE-SPEARE'S GONNA BE BLOWN AWAY!
SHAKE-SPEARE WAS BLOWN AWAY WHEN YOU WERE PICKED TO BE ROMEO
SO IT'LL BE OKAY, HARUNA!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT'LL BE OKAY?
OUTRIGHT REFUSAL
I REALLY CAN'T ACT OR ANYTHING...
SERIOUSLY. NO!
No thanks
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU WERE A GREAT DWARF LAST YEAR!
YOU STEPPED IN FOR MACHARU AND EVERY-THING!
WE'RE REFUSING YOUR REFUSAL.

THAT'S ALL WE'RE LACKING.
SO WHO CARES IF YOU CAN'T ACT!
JUST SHOW US YOUR TRUE LOVE ON STAGE!
ABSOLUTELY NOT!
That is right
BUT WHO THOUGHT YOU TWO WOULD ACTUALLY END UP DATING?
WE KNEW IT WAS TRUE LOVE THEN.
I cried
girl
Mm-hmm
YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN JUST ABOUT A YEAR...
THAT'S WHEN YOU TRANSFERRED HERE!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I GUESS IT WAS ABOUT THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

SO NOISY AND IMMATURE...
BUT...
THE WHOLE CLASS WAS LIKE A BUNCH OF MONKEYS ...
"YOU'RE IN CLASS 2? ME TOO!"
I REALLY THOUGHT I'D HATE IT HERE.
I COULDN'T ESCAPE THIS LITTLE MONKEY...
...AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, I COULDN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT HIM...
AND NOW WE'RE HERE... IT'S KIND OF UNBELIEVABLE ...
OOH!

...HOW FUN EVERY DAY IS
I WON!!
CHECK IT OUT!!
HUH? NOW?
LET'S GO GET THE PRIZE!
...WITH YOU.
I'LL FORGET IF I WAIT TILL TOMORROW.
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE...
C'mon! Get on!

THE UNFORTUNATE TWO WERE CHILDREN OF FEUDING FAMILIES!
HOWEVER!
ALL RIGHT! THIS IS YOUR FAMOUS LINE, JULIET!
GO!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "GO"?!
NO, NO, NO. THAT'S NOT YOUR LINE!
AW, JUST EMBRACE IT.
I KNOW IT'S NOT! WHY IS THIS WHOLE THING GOING FORWARD?!
LOOK HOW INTO IT MACHARU IS!
YEAH!
Check out my sword!
WHERE'D YOU GET THAT COSTUME?!

YOU'RE HEARTLESS, HARUNA!
THAT'S COLD!
NOOOOOO
ROMEO IS DEAD.
IT'S JUST A PLAY FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL!
YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT?
...SOMEONE ELSE IS GOING TO BE MACHARU'S JULIET
BESIDES, IF YOU DECIDE TO DECLINE...
I DON'T CARE..
It doesn't matter
YEAH..
SILENCE
WHO'S GONNA DO IT?
AND THEY HAVE AN INTENSE LOVE SCENE ON STAGE?
I SEE. SO YOU DON'T CARE, HUH?
Macharu! He's strong!
YOU DON'T CARE IF SOMEONE PLAYS MACHARU'S LOVER?

YOU PEOPLE CAN'T BE SERIOUS
SEE? YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STEP UP TO THE PLATE!
If Macharu's Romeo...
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE
HOW ABOUT YOU?
You're a good actor
Pfft...
They keep beating you down...
Women are ruthless
Kyle...
LIKE HAVE KOBUHE! BE JULIET?
THEN HOW ABOUT WE JUST BLOW IT UP TO AN EVEN BIGGER JOKE?
I ALREADY SAID NO
EVEN IF MACHARU PLAYS ROMEO?
YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO BE JULIET?
HMM... THAT COULD BE INTERESTING
I DON'T WANT THAT EITHER!
YEAH RIGHT!
Off the hook for now
Hey!
I think we should.
Should we give it a try?

IT MAKES IT WORSE...
...THAT IT'S MACHARU...
THEN WHAT IF I'M ROMEO?
HUH?
YOU'LL DO IT IF IT'S NOT WITH MACHARU, RIGHT?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS SAYING
ATSU!
WHAT IS IT, MONKEY?
I ONLY OFFERED BECAUSE HARUNA SAID SHE DOESN'T WANT TO ACT WITH YOU
IF YOU WANT TO BE ROMEO SO BAD, YOU CAN BE KOBUHEI'S ROMEO!! I'LL TRADE WITH YOU RIGHT NOW!
NO THANKS, DUDE

HAVE FUN WITH KOBUHEI.
PAT PAT
I'm gonna go to the counsel room
WELL..
IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD BE IN THE PLAY ANYWAY. I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL WITH STUDENT BODY STUFF
HEY
THAT'S ...
SQUEAK SQUEAK
SQUIRT
I..
THE REASON I DIDN'T WANT TO DO THIS WITH YOU...
WOULD ONLY DO THE SCHOOL PLAY IF IT'S WITH YOU
MACHARU ...
NOPE
ARE YOU MAD?

EVEN IF IT'S JUST A PLAY FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL...
...I ONLY WANT TO DO IT IF YOU'RE THE GIRL.
...
WELL, I DON'T FEEL THE SAME WAY
WHAT?
PLUS
JEEZ...
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE MAKING ME SAY THIS...
WHY?!
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT EVERYBODY'S JUST HAVING FUN AT OUR EXPENSE?
WHO CARES! WE'LL JUST HAVE FUN WITH IT!

I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO SAY "I LOVE YOU"...
...USING LINES THAT SOMEONE ELSE MADE UP.
EVEN IF IT'S A PLAY...
IF IT'S WITH YOU...
B...

BESIDES, DON'T YOU KNOW THAT ROMEO AND JULIET IS A TRAGEDY?
YOU REALLY WANT TO DO THAT?
Come! Let's go
HUH? REALLY?
BUT I THOUGHT ...
...THEY RUN AWAY TOGETHER AFTER THE FAMILIES DISAPPROVE ...
NO, NO. THEY BOTH DIE IN THE END.
WHAT ?!
YEAH.
THAT'S SO SAD.
IT IS SAD.
That's what I've been saying
HEY.
YOU WANNA READ ROMEO AND JULIET? I've got a copy
ALL RIGHT. WAIT HERE.
WELL... OKAY, I GUESS.
YEAH. OF COURSE.
...IS IT MORE THAN TEN PAGES?
We're here
HANG ON A SEC
YOU NEED MY NOTES FROM ENGLISH CLASS, RIGHT? I'll go get them.
YEAH. Thanks

SLAM
TAKE THE CAR AROUND FOR ME
I'LL BE BACK IN FIVE MINUTES
VROOOM
VROOM
HELLO!

I REMEMBER YOU...
YOU'RE...
MASARU YAMASHITA!
I'M IN CLASS 2-2 AT KITAYAMA HIGH SCHOOL!
OH...
RIGHT.
YOU ARE...
Second year in high school?
MY DAUGHTER'S...

OOPS!
HMM...
MACHARU SHOULD DEFINITELY REJECT THIS.
BOY-FRIEND?
YES!
WE'RE GOING OUT!
HA HA.
HA...
GAH!! DAD?! MACHARU ?!

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU SAYING?!
...I PLAN ON MARRYING HER.
YOU MEAN...
BY GOING OUT...
HARUNA
LET'S GO MAKE COPIES
HERE'RE THE NOTES
OH.
HARUNA
I AM.
YOU SHOULD STILL BE MORE PICKY ABOUT WHO YOU GO OUT WITH...
HOW-EVER ...
IT SEEMS THAT KITA HIGH'S PRETTY RELAXED...

OUR SCHOOL FESTIVAL'S COMING UP. IF YOU HAVE TIME, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU COME!
UM... SIR?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. HE'S BUSY.
BUT...
You make me...
C'MON, MACHAMI.
LET'S GO,
HUH?
WH...
HARUNA AND I ARE PLAYING ROMEO AND JULIET IN THE CLASS PLAY!

WHY'D YOU SAY THAT?!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!
IT'S FINE! IT'S OKAY FOR FAMILY TO COME.
WHY'D YOU INVITE HIM?!
WHA...
CUZ...
IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S INTERESTED IN THE SCHOOL AND ME.
HE SHOULD JUST COME TAKE A LOOK FOR HIMSELF.
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DID THAT, MACHARU!
ANY-WAY...
HE JUST CAN'T WRAP HIS MIND AROUND IT, SO HE'S CURIOUS.
HE'S NOT INTERESTED...

DIDN'T I SAY I WASN'T GOING TO BE IN THE PLAY?!
I MEAN...
IT'S NOT LIKE HE'D UNDER-STAND...
...JUST BY COMING...
...WHY DON'T WE MAKE OUR OWN?
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO SAY SOMEONE ELSE'S LINES...
I TOLD YOU MY REASONS TOO!
YEAH.
AND YOU MADE ME THINK.

Isn't that a great idea?
THEN WE CAN REALLY IMPRESS YOUR DAD!
CAN WE JUST DROP IT ALREADY?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU I DON'T WANT TO DO IT.

OH DEAR ...
GOOD-NESS...
DON'T BE SO SELFISH!
DID YOU TWO GET IN A FIGHT AGAIN?
SUCH AN UNCOMFORTABLE VIBE IN THE AIR...

IT'S NOTHING.
I THOUGHT MACHARU WAS GONNA CONVINCE HER YESTERDAY
Great
ROMEO AND JULIET.
THIS ISN'T LOOKING GOOD.
BAM
WHAT?
KOBUHEI! LET'S GO REHEARSE!
IT'S UP TO US TO WIN THE SCHOOL CONTEST!!
What's wrong with you?
C'mon, Juliet!

EVERYONE'S DOWN AT THE COURTYARD WATCHING.
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF MAKING PROPS.
SIT
THEY JUST LEFT 'EM HERE?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'VE GOT A STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING AFTER THIS
I don't have time for rehearsals
HEY
THIS WHOLE TIFF WITH MACHARU .
IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF ME, IS IT?
HUH?
WELL, I WAS KINDA BEING A JERK YESTERDAY..
I JUST THOUGHT MAYBE
"I ONLY OFFERED BECAUSE HARUNA SAID SHE DOESN'T WANT TO ACT WITH YOU."
HA

BAM
BAM
BAM
Wow
HEY! WE'RE DONE WITH THE BALCONY SET!
SHOULD WE DO A RUN-THROUGH THEN?
ISN'T IT A LITTLE CROWDED HERE?
HOW ABOUT THE COURT-YARD?
Sure
SOMEONE GO DOWN AND SAVE A SPOT!
STIR
STIR
Careful!
We need that over there.
AREN'T YOU GONNA COME JOIN?

HA HA HA
OH... I get it wrong?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
TOTALLY.
HUH? Really?
ATSU...
YOU THOUGHT THIS WAS YOUR FAULT, AND YOU STAYED TO ASK ME?

YOU'RE ALWAYS TEASING HIM!
Ha ha ha
WELL... UMM...
I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO HAVE A HEART-TO-HEART WITH MACHARU...

YOU REALLY DO LIKE MACHARU.
I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I?
DOOM
I GUESS YOU TEASE HIM BECAUSE YOU LIKE HIM SO MUCH.
W...
WAIT A SECOND THERE, HARUNA!
THE ONLY REASON I TEASE HIM IS BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE LITTLE MONKEYS!!
WHEN I SEE THAT SIMPLETON'S FACE AND HOW HE ISN'T BOTHERED BY ANYTHING..
...IT JUST REALLY DISSES ME OFF.
INTER-ESTING
WELL...
IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING...

MACHARU'S ALWAYS...
...TRYING TO CLIMB TO A BRIGHTER PLACE.
HE MAKES ME LOOK UP...
...I SEE THIS REALLY BRIGHT LIGHT.
AND WHEN I DO...
BUT...
SOME-TIMES. .
THE LIGHT'S TOO BRIGHT AND..

...I JUST WANT TO LOOK DOWN AGAIN.
JULIET!
THAT VOICE BELONGS TO THE ONE I LOVE!

SNAP
WHEREFORE ART THOU, ROMEO?
O ROMEO!
ARGHHH!!
OUR BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS!!
OOPS
Now is not the time for clever lines!
I told you I didn't want to do it. The responsibility is literally too heavy for me
THE NAILS ARE IN THE CLASS-ROOM STILL, RIGHT?
I GUESS WE SHOULD STOP AND FIX THE SET THEN
We should take a break.
YOU'RE TOO HEAVY!!
I JUST LEANED ON IT A LITTLE.
THANKS A LOT, KOBUHEI!

ATSU!
What
Some one
a pen!
go get
them
WILL YOU BRING IT DOWN?
NO.
HAT
?!
WELL, ANYWAY
DO YOU SEE A TOOLBOX UP THERE?
IT'S DELAYED BECAUSE OF SOME FIRST-YEAR THING.
WHAT HAPPENED TO STUDENT COUNCIL?

SHAKE
HUH?
...I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF WOOING A LADY FRIEND HERE!
I WOULD, BUT...
why not ?!
ATSU!
I TOLD YOU. HE GETS ON MY NERVES
I WONDER HOW MANY MINUTES IT'S GONNA TAKE HIM TO GET UP HERE?
HM

KLAK
I'M GONNA TAKE THIS DOWN.
..BECAUSE YOU CARE ABOUT HIM
HE ONLY GETS ON YOUR NERVES ...
GRAB

OH...
YEAH!
Go Macharu!!
WH...
WHAT...?

GEH!
YOU...
WAI...
STOP!!
GET DOWN, MACHARU!!
Cuz Go!
MACHARU!!
WHO...
...DO YOU THINK...
...YOU...
...ARE?!
BA
M

OOOOH
What's going on with the second years?
Nice Macharu!! Baby monkey power!!
What're they doing?
They're so loud.

WHAT IF YOU FELL?!
YOU IDIOT!
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!
RAH RAH
WH...
I WOULDN'T.
CUZ I'M ROMEO.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
THAT WAS A PREVIEW OF OUR CLASS PLAY, ROMEO AND JULIET!!
THAT'S NOT A GOOD ENOUGH REASON!
Jeez.
YOU MEANT "MONKEY," NOT "ROMEO," RIGHT?

I heard those two are going on a date.
Really? I wanna go see.
What great advertising.
Yeah.
I've been surprised.
THESE TWO WILL BE THE STARS IN THE PLAY AS WELL.
ATSU!
HARUNA...
Uh, what do we do?
...
I GUESS I DON'T REALLY HAVE A CHOICE NOW.
I TOLD YOU I LIKE TO TEASE.

I'VE GOT TO KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON MY ROMEO.

JU...
JULIET!!
WE'RE NOT ACTING RIGHT NOW!

WOW!
WHAT?! SO HARUNA FINALLY AGREED?!
I KNEW YOU WOULD COME AROUND!
GOOD JOB, ATSU!
YOU POINT ME TO THE BRIGHTER SIDE...
BUT I CAN GET BLINDED SOMETIMES...
STILL...
I'LL OPEN MY EYES...
... TO KEEP THEM FIXED ON YOU.
GIMME THE SCRIPT!
WE'VE GOTTA ADD SOME HOT AND HEAVY SCENES.
YEAH, RIGHT!
CLASS 2-2 ROMEO AND JULIET

CAN WE GIVE THIS ROMEO AND JULIET A HAPPY ENDING?

EVERY DAY IS LIKE A FESTIVAL WITH THIS TROOP OF MONKEYS...

BUT THE REAL FESTIVAL IS APPROACHING...

THIS MANGA IS NOW LIC
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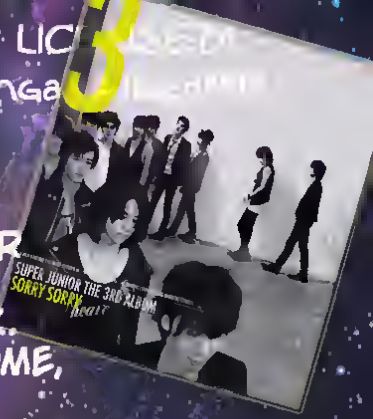


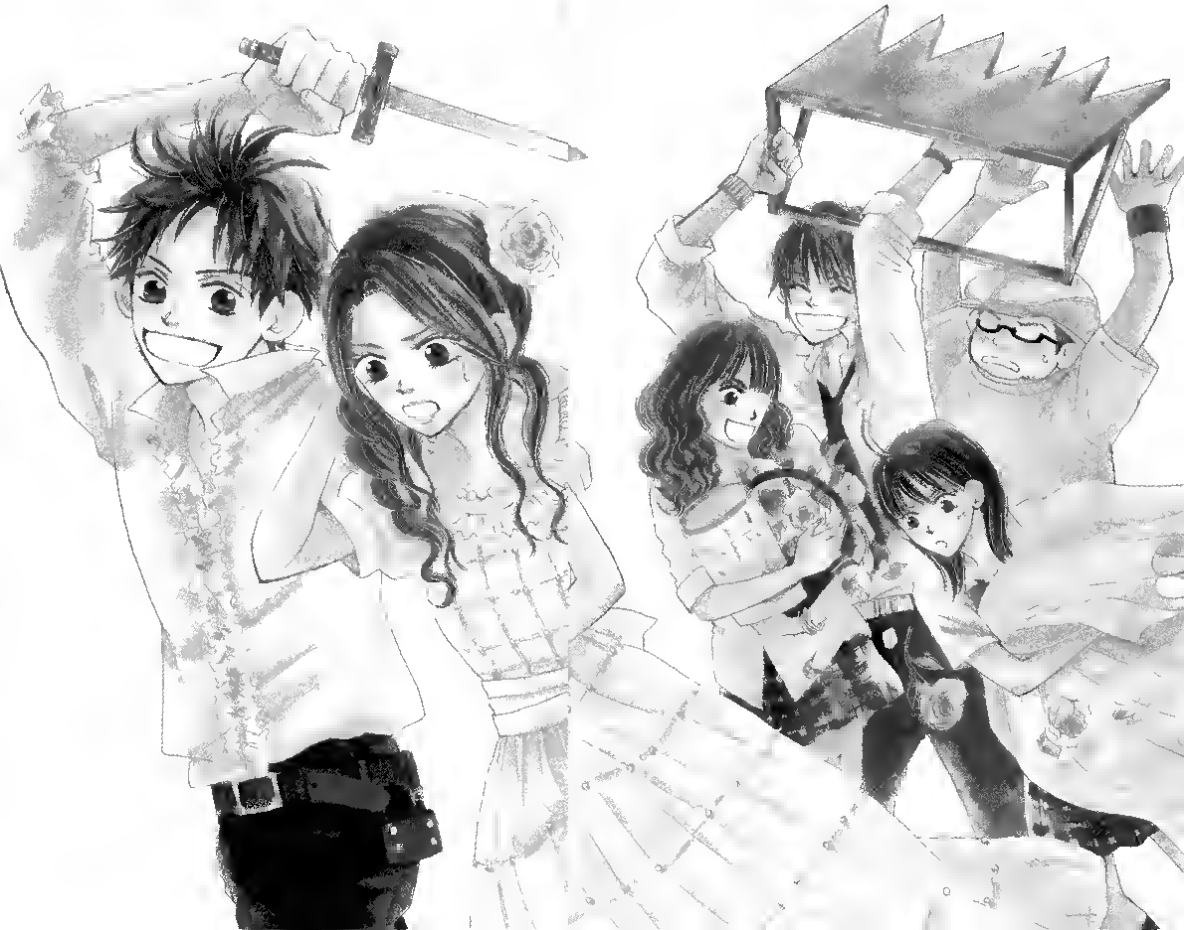
HELLO!
I'M BACK!
SORRY IT TOOK A LONG TIME FOR
THIS TO BE RELEASED!
ANYWAYS... ENJOY THE 5TH BOOK.
IT GETS MORE AND MORE AWESOME,
I TELL YOU :)

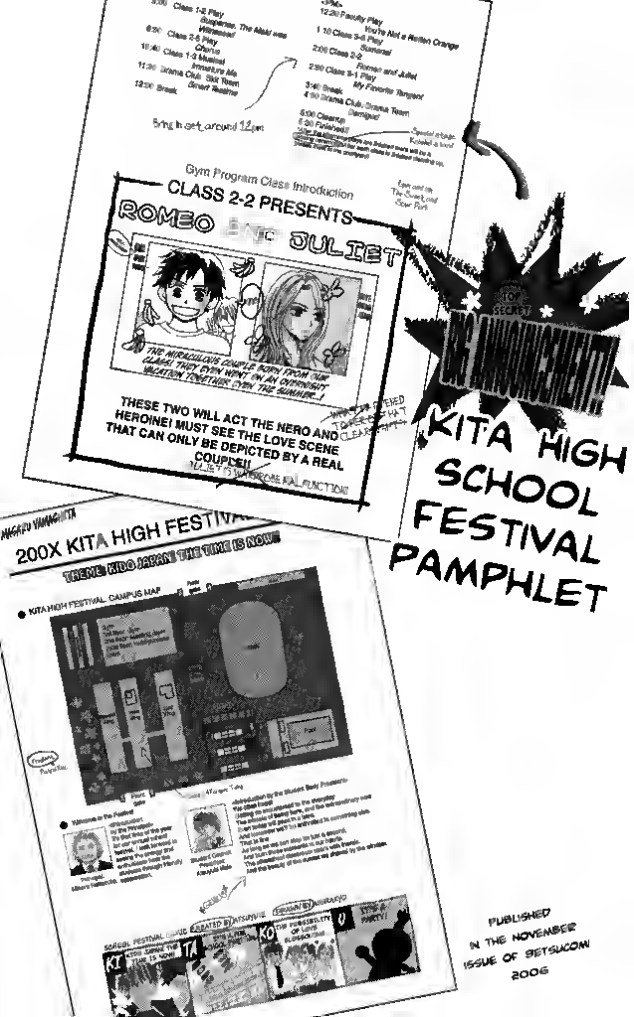
PLEASE REMEBER TO PURCHASE!

-INFAMYSS

CHECK OUT THE PAMPHLETS FOR THE FESTIVAL!
KITA HIGH FESTIVAL
200X
THIS IS SO NOT YOU
TOUCHING ISN'T IT?
WHAT'S WITH THIS INTRODUCTION?
IT'S NOT LIKE A GOSSIP RAG!!
YOU KNOW. I WAS GOING FOR HIGH IMPACT.
WHAT THE...?!
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS INTRO FOR THE CLASS PLAY?!
NO, WE DON'T!
WELL, WE'VE GOT SOMETHING TO LIVE UP TO NOW!

FESTIVAL!!




Gym Program Class Introduction
CLASS 2-2 PRESENTS
ROMEO AND JULIET
THE MIRACULOUS SAMPLE BORN FROM AN ACCIDENT THEY EVEN WENT ON AN OVERNIGHT VACATION TOGETHER. EVEN THE BANANA...!
THESE TWO WILL ACT THE HERO AND HERONE! MUST SEE THE LOVE SCENE THAT CAN ONLY BE DEPICTED BY A REAL COUPLE!!
TOP SECRET
BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!!
KITA HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL PAMPHLET
200X KITA HIGH FESTIVAL
THEME: KIDS JAPAN THE TIME IS NOW!
KITA HIGH FESTIVAL CAMPUS MAP
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HARUNA! LET'S GO CHECK STUFF OUT!
You're free until then!
2-2
PLEASE COME A LITTLE EARLIER IF YOU'RE A CAST MEMBER.
WE'RE MEETING BACK HERE AT ONE.
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!
Try to work your PDA so more people will come!
TAKE IT OFF!
Agh!
R
I
P
Oh dear
2-2 ROMEO AND JULIET
We're the hot couple! Please come see us!
I'M SUPPOSED TO WEAR THIS WHEN I WALK AROUND
They told me
AND SO...

Monkey High!

KITAYAMA HIGH SCHOOL'S FESTIVAL...
WEL COME!!
Kita High Festival
...HAS BEGUN...
YAY
UM...
IT'S JUST A SCHOOL FESTIVAL...
WHERE SHOULD WE GO? WHERE DO YOU WANNA GO, HARUNA?
KITA

FORTUNE TELL 1-4
YOU TWO.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW YOUR FUTURE?
OOH! IT'S A FORTUNE TELLER!
HMM...
HAMM...
THIS IS...
DOOM
THIS IS THE WORST CARD I'VE EVER PULLED.
SOMETHING OMINOUS IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU.
WHAT?!
BOOM
WH-WH-WHAT DOES THAT MEAN...?
MMM. IT SEEMS THE GYM IS ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS
REALLY?!

WH-WH-WHAT SHOULD WE DO, HARUNA?!
The play's in the gym!
CALM DOWN!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, ATSU?
DON'T MESS AROUND WHILE WE'RE PATROLLING!
FLAD
This is my class's booth!
A T S U U U !
SEITOKAI
TCH. YOU'VE BLOWN MY COVER.
They didn't even recognize my voice.
I KNEW IT...
THAT WAS SO MEAN!! I WAS SO SCARED!
YOU'RE SO GULLIBLE
Sometimes I really worry about you.
HARUNA, ARE YOU REALLY PLAYING JULIET?
OH... YEAH, WELL....

IT'S THE PERFECT ROLE FOR YOU!
I'M DEFINITELY GONNA COME SEE!
THANKS
I'd rather you didn't, but
MAKE SURE YOU DON'T BRING HER DOWN, MONKEY!
I WON'T!
THANKS!
THERE YOU ARE!
Minami too!
That wasn't a compliment!
Hm?
THERE'S SOME KIND OF ARGUMENT HAPPENING AT REGISTRATION
ALL RIGHT, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
HEY!
ATSU!
KIDO

I MEAN, IT IS OUR CLASS THING, YOU KNOW.
Nooo!
WHY? YOU'LL FEEL LONELY WITHOUT ME THERE?
YOU'RE COMING TO THE PLAY, RIGHT?
KIDO
Ohm!
SQUEEZE
DON'T WORRY I'LL BE THERE AT THE APPOINTED TIME.
Remember? Like last year when you had a fever and collapsed!
Well I feel great this year!
HYA
AND WHEN SOMETHING OMINOUS DOES HAPPEN..
WHY DO YOU KEEP SAYING "OMINOUS"?!
..I'LL BE RIGHT THERE TO PLAY ROMEO FOR YOU!

Oh, there's a haunted house.
Ha ha ha You wanna go?
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING
Let's just go to them in order
Let's head outside
HEY!
THEY'RE THE COUPLE IN ROMEO AND JULIET
The second years
I HEARD THAT THERE'S SOME HOT KISS SCENE!
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SHE CHOSE A MONKEY
HONESTLY

THE PAMPHLET SAYS THAT THE LOVE SCENE IS A "MUST SEE."
really?
WOW!
WAIT A SEC! THERE'S NO SCENE LIKE THAT!
I WONDER WHAT THEY MEAN BY "HOT"?
IT DOESN'T MATTER!
Oh these two are off. They get in the trouble during rehearsals or something.
I heard they're
GREAT THE RUMORS ARE FLYING ALREADY
I wish I could go home...
HARUNA!
WHAT?
MACHARU?
DASH

DAD...
WHAT—
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
I WAS PASSING BY ON BUSINESS...
WHEN I SAW THIS...
LOP

AGH!
The flyer...
2-2
ROMEO AND JULIET
STARTING AT 2PM IN THE GYM
A HOT KISS SCENE PLAYED BY A REAL LIFE COUPLE...?!
COME SEE!
I HOPE YOU HAVE AN EXPLANATION FOR THIS.
They were handing them out.
YOU'RE NOT REALLY...
HAVE YOU NO SHAME?
AND WHO EXACTLY...
...DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
HUH?
YOU DO AS YOU PLEASE
YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.
SO I'M GOING TO DO AS I PLEASE.
WH--
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
HEY! HARUNA!
2-2
ROMEO AND JULIET
STARTING AT 2PM IN THE GYM

WH...?
HEY!
HARUNA!
THE MAKEUP'S GONNA TAKE SOME TIME
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE
YOU'LL NEED TO BE CHANGING SOON
YOU'RE NOT REALLY...
YOU'LL KNOW WHEN YOU SEE IT!
THE GYM'S OVER HERE
WAIT...
LET GO OF ME
I WASN'T PLANNING ON STAYING HERE...
HEY!
GRIN

I think I've seen him before. Maybe at the...
Please sit down!
HEY!
WAIT!
WELL I GOTTA GET READY TOO!
See you later!
I TOLD YOU...
I...
HERE YOU GO!
WHAT'S WITH THAT LITTLE MONKEY?
PUNK
...
HE NEEDS MORE DISCIPLINE
YEAH.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU WENT AHEAD AND...
SHHHH!
WE'RE ALMOST ON!
YOU'RE DAD'S GONNA WATCH.
WHAT?!
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

WHAT'S GOING ON?
I GUESS MACHIERI BROUGHT HARUKA'S DAD — He's sitting out there.
WHAT'D I MISS?
THAT MORON'S BRINGING OMINOUS THINGS UPON HIMSELF
HUH?
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE DOING ANYTHING HE SHOULDN'T SEE
I.
THE CURTAIN'S ABOUT TO GO UP! STAND BY!!
I TOLD YOU MY FAMILY ISN'T CLOSE.
THAT'S NOT THE POINT.
I DON'T WANT HIM TO SEE. I DON'T WANT ANY OF MY FAMILY TO SEE ME.

CLASS 2-2 WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT ROMEO AND JULIET.
BUNN
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
A PAIR OF STAR-CROSSED LOVERS TAKE THEIR LIFE...
FROM FORTH THE FATAL LOINS OF THESE TWO FOES...
TWO HOUSEHOLDS, BOTH ALIKE IN DIGNITY, IN FAIR VERONA, WHERE WE LAY OUR SCENE...

AND THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF THE CAPULET HOUSEHOLD, JULIET.
Wow!
She looks beautiful!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
FWEET
Ha ha ha! He's so funny!
FWEET
YOU GO, LITTLE MAN!
!!
THE ONLY SON OF THE MONTAGUE HOUSEHOLD, ROMEO

GOOD PILGRIM, YOU DO WRONG YOUR HAND TOO MUCH.
IF I PROFANE WITH MY UNWORTHIEST HAND...THIS HOLY SHRINE, THE GENTLE SIN IS THIS.

SHINE
OH, ROMEO
WHEREFORE ART THOU ROMEO?
I WONDER IF MACHARU KNOWS WHAT HE'S SAYING?
SHE SEEMS SO COLD...
...DESPITE HER LINES...
You're very rude!
Why?
IT'S NOT AT ALL LIKE THEY'RE IN LOVE!!
ACTING DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THEIR CALLING...
AND THE TWO END UP FINDING OUT HOW THEY REALLY FEEL
NOOO! WHAT DO I DO?!
OOH!
THAT WAS HEARTFELT!
It's a signature

Wow! Check out the set! It's a real balcony!!
SWEET
JULIET!
IF THEY DO SEE THEE
THEY WILL MURDER THEE.
ALACK
THERE LIES MORE PERIL IN THINE EYE
O ROMEO!
I WOULD NOT FOR THE WORLD THEY SAW THEE HERE
Nice!
It looking good!
I NEED NOT NAME
NOR CAPULETS
NOR THE WORLD
JUST MY TRUE LOVE ROMEO...

Aw...
I WISH SHE WAS SAYING THAT TO ME!!
I'M SO JEALOUS!!
HUH?
R-ROMEO—?
WHAT'S THAT IDIOT SAYING?!
THAT'S NOT THE LINE!
BUT...
...I WANT IT ALL!

...AND THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU, RIGHT?
YOU, HARUNA, ARE THE PRODUCT OF YOUR FAMILY.
NOT HARUNA!
JULIET!
OH.
GYA HAHA!
I'M NOT GOING TO RUN, AND I'M NOT GOING TO HIDE!
JULIET!
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE...?
I can hardly watch

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE !!
SH
COM
W
O
Macharu the thespian!
Go, Monkey! Climb!
It's going well!
THIS IS WHY I MOVED TO SET CREW!
We incorporated Macharu's previous climbing stunt
ROMEO
JULIET!

WHA?
GRA
MACHARU !!

LIGHTS OUT!!
LIGHTS!
Please be patient while we resolve some technical issues.
MACHARU!
OY
THIS IS NO GOOD
SLAM
5TAR 5TARS TIRST
Right on top here!
MACHARU!
DON'T WORRY. HE'S CONSCIOUS.
TH...
THE PLAY...
I THINK HE GOT A CONCUSSION.
LET'S CARRY HIM TO THE SIDE.
THIS IS WHERE KOSUHE BROKE THE SET DURING PRACTICE THAT ONE TIME
HEY! MACHARU!
I...
I'M OKAY...

HEY.
YOU CAN'T GO BACK OUT THERE.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WE CAN'T CONTINUE LIKE THIS
I'M TELLING YOU NOW.
THIS IS PURELY JUST FOR YOU AND THE PLAY.
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO TAKE YOUR PLACE ..
...LIKE THIS ANYWAY.

STIR STIR STIR
LIGHTS ON
IT WAS ALL A JOKE.
SORRY TO HAVE SHOCKED YOU.
It's Ateu!!
YOUR LOVE HAS BROKEN THE SPELL.
Just now!
I WAS ACTUALLY CURSED TO BE A MONKEY.

I love you, Anna!!
I don't know what to say
TOKI-EDITING...
GO, ATSU !!
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!
It's so forced!
BUT...
THEY ARE A GOOD-LOOKING COUPLE
WELL...

JULIET'S FATHER BRINGS A POISONOUS APPLE TO TRY TO KILL ROMEO...

THE TWO DECLARE THEIR LOVE...
...BUT THEY ARE MET BY DISAPPROVAL FROM THEIR FAMILIES.

Sigh

FLOP

...BUT JULIET ENDS UP EATING IT.
JULIET!!
AND SHE AWAKENS BY HIS KISS!
THIS IS CLASS 2-2'S ORIGINAL RENDITION OF ROMEO AND JULIET!
HOW CAN WE SAY IT'S ORIGINAL?
OKAY. NOW FOR THE FINAL KISS SCENE!
HEY! THAT'S THE WRONG ONE!
CHANGE THE SET! QUICK!
K... KISS SCENE...? With Aisu?
WELL.. IT'S ONLY PRETEND... BUT...
TRIP
AH!
KNOCK
FLOP
I'VE GOT TO... MAKE IT TO THE LAST...
PUMP!
Where's Juliet's hair?
Take time out with you?
Dear

OH.
HERE IT IS.
The fuse
UMDH
SO WE'RE READY, RIGHT?
I'M TAKING THIS OUT!
SORRY
My shoe fell off
HUH?
WHAT HAPPENED?
JULIET!

LET ME SEE YOUR BEAUTIFUL FACE ONE LAST TIME
AND LET ME KISS YOU FAREWELL ...
FLIP

STIR STIR STIR
ATSU
WHA...
YOU...

N...
WHERE'S JULIET?
Where'd she go?
And they do that on purpose?
WHAT!
NOW YOU'VE BEEN CURSED TO BE A MONKEY..!!
Huh? You serious?
THE FEUDING FAMILIES HAVE BROUGHT THIS TRAGEDY UPON US!
I PROMISE TO LOVE THIS PET FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE!!
HUG
I HAVE NO CHOICE!
CURTAIN! CURTAIN!
What a joke!!
clap clap
What the heck was that?!
DONG DONG
DONG DONG
DONG DONG
Ha ha ha
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU...?
HA HA HA HA HA
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING?!

SHOON
CLASS 2-2... ROMEO AND JULIET...
THE END.
I'M JUST RELIEVED THERE WASN'T A KISSING SCENE...
HEY.
YOU'RE ALMOST ON, AREN'T YOU, KOBUHEI?
KHS

IT'S THE SECRET TO EVERY HIT SONG.
A LOVE SONG.
BUT KOBUHEI ...
I'M NOT SURE IF YOU SINGING ABOUT LOVE WILL SPEAK TO THE CROWD...
this year wanted our cute band a good time
Cursor
YEAH!
THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE DOING? WHAT KIND OF SONG IS IT?
IT'S OUR STAGE NOW.
It may have been acting, but
YOU MISSED YOUR CHANCE TO KISS HER.
WHATEVER. SO YOU DISAPPOINTED?
HOW PATHETIC
I WAS ACTUALLY KINDA NERVOUS
TOWARD THE END
YEP
THAT'S HOW IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN
I'll check you out man!
Okay!
I see!
IT SAVED A LOT OF BROKEN HEARTS THAT WAY
NO, THAT WAS HOW IT SHOULD HAVE ENDED

Gone & yah Juliet! Doh... your hair's still wavy!
DO YOU KNOW WHERE MACHARU IS?
I THINK HE'S AT THE NURSE'S OFFICE.
YEAH, HE WAS THERE EARLIER... BUT I THINK HE WENT SOMEWHERE ELSE WHEN WE STARTED CLEANING UP.
HE'S PROBABLY OUT ON THE FIELD. There's the closing ceremony right?
I'LL CHECK. THANKS.
Well...
Guess we should get going too
Yeah I'm glad the play wasn't a total disaster.
They liked it!
CLOSING CEREMONY

HUDDLING BY YOURSELF LIKE THAT....
WHY DO YOU LOOK ALL DEPRESSED?
MACHARU..
LEAVE ME ALONE!
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY POUTING ..
I THOUGHT ...
...THIS WOULD BE THE YEAR WE'D BE TOGETHER ON STAGE...
BUT I WANTED TO BE IN IT TILL THE LAST SCENE!
BUT WE DID DO IT TOGETHER.
ALL THE PREP WORK AND EVEN THE REAL THING .

Comedic roles have reversed.
YOU KINDA WERE...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!!
I KNOW. I'm sorry
ARGHHH! I'VE GOT NO LUCK WHEN IT COMES TO SCHOOL FESTIVALS!!
BUT...
I THOUGHT YOU PLAYED A PRETTY...
HANDSOME ROMEO...
ALL RIGHT..
HOW ABOUT...

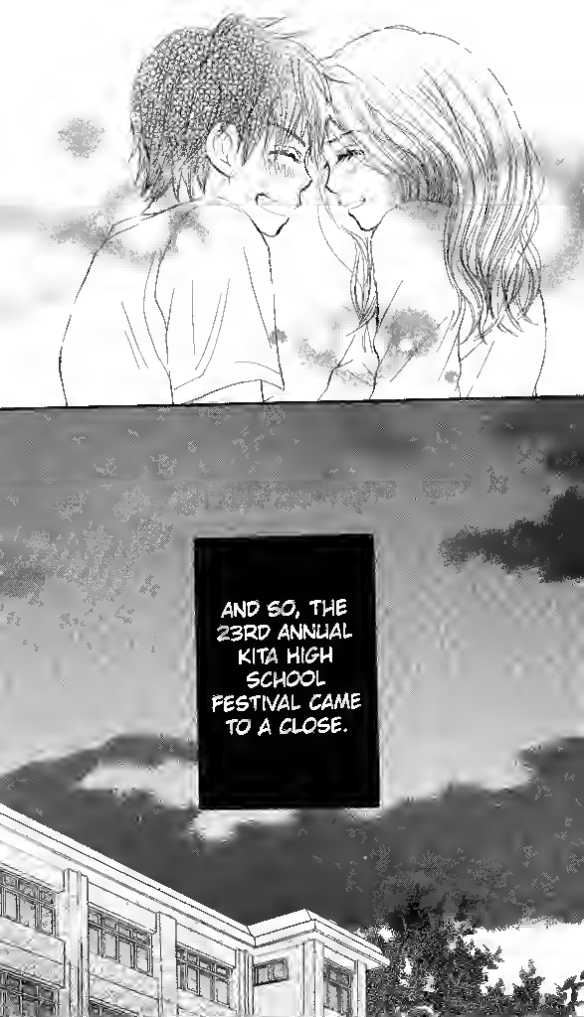
THE LAST ONE.
LET'S REDO THAT SCENE.
HARUNA ...
...SEALED WITH A KISS, RIGHT?
CLASS 2-2'S ROMEO AND JULIET HAS A HAPPY ENDING...

I THOUGHT IT WAS THE HOT KISS THAT DEFINED OUR ROMEO AND JULIET!
THAT'S JUST SOME DUMB FLYER!
I TAKE IT BACK
You seem fine now.
WAIT! I WAS JUST KIDDING!

TH...

DON'T SAY THAT!
THAT WAS SUCH AN ADULT KISS!!
ONE MORE TIME.

...A LITTLE BIT OF JOKING...
...A LITTLE BIT OF LAUGHING...
...AND A LITTLE BIT OF HORSING AROUND.
BUT WITHIN ALL OF THAT WAS DEFINITELY A BIT OF TRUTH.
OUR FESTIVAL WAS FILLED WITH...
I WONDER WHO'S SINGING.
WHAT A GREAT VOICE.
HIS BODY REALLY BETRAYS HIS VOICE...
IT'S FINE IF YOU LISTEN WITH YOUR EYES CLOSED...
JEEZ...
IT REALLY IS A LOVE SONG.
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I SHOULD TEASE HIM OR NOT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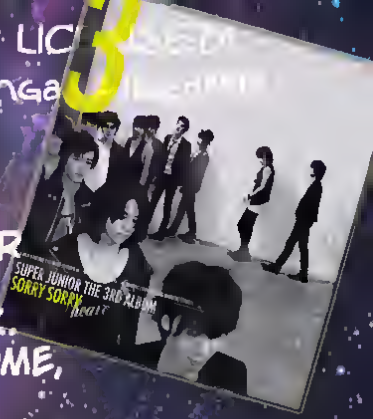

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WINTER'S BEGINNING: SECOND YEAR EDITION

Study Hall
December 22-25
Totally during Christmas...
BOO!
Study Hall Notice
YOU'VE GOT NOBODY TO BLAME BUT YOURSELVES, KIDS.
THE PEOPLE WHO WERE JUST GIVEN A HAND-OUT HAVE STUDY HALL DURING WINTER BREAK.
AWWW
NOW IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN JINGLE BELLS CAN BE HEARD EVERY-WHERE...
THE CURTAIN WAS LOWERED ON THE ANNUAL SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

Monkey High!

NOT MUCH YOU CAN DO NOW.
HE'S RIGHT. YOU CAN ONLY BLAME YOURSELF.
DOUBLE WHAMMY
YOU'RE SO COLD...
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST PRETEND TO BE DISAPPOINTED...
You guys have plans for Christmas together don't you?
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU HAVE TO GO TO STUDY HALL WHEN WE STUDIED FOR THAT EXAM TOGETHER...
WHEN WE STUDY TOGETHER
...I GET SO DISTRACTED ...
OH MY...
WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU GUYS DO WHEN YOU STUDY—?
NOTHING SCANDALOUS!!

I'LL GO TO WORK ON THE 24TH THEN.
THE MANAGER'S BEEN BEGGING ME.
YOU MEAN THAT CAFE YOU WORKED AT BEFORE?
YEAH.
I GUESS THIS IS A REALLY BUSY SEASON FOR THEM.
They've been requesting more help.
THAT MAKES SENSE.
WHAT? YOU'RE GONNA GO WORK?
MAYBE I'LL GO HELP OUT TOO THEN.
AREN'T YOU BUSY WITH STUDENT COUNCIL STUFF?
You're the leader!
WE DON'T MEET DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK.
WHY NOT?! THE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!
YOU JUST WORRY ABOUT STUDYING ON CHRISTMAS EVE, OKAY?
I'm gonna finish study hall!
I'M ONLY WORKING UNTIL EARLY EVENING
NOOOO!
NOOOO!

SO LET'S GO SOMEWHERE AFTER THAT!!
YEAH!
MAKE SURE YOU STUDY HARD!
YOU'LL BE DONE AROUND THEN TOO, RIGHT?
SHE REALLY KNOWS HOW TO HANDLE THE ANIMAL
GREAT MOVE, PET OWNER.
JUST THINK OF IT AS CHARITY ON MY PART
HEY ATSU! YOU'RE GOING ON A GROUP DATE?!
WHAT?! F ACADEMY ?
HAH ?!
I GOT THEIR EMAIL ADDRESSES DURING THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
YEP.
I'LL CALL UP SOME GIRLS FROM F ACADEMY IF YOU COME.
ATSU! ATSU!
WANNA GO ON A GROUP DATE ON THE 24TH?

COME TO THINK OF IT...
I'VE GOT A GIG ON CHRISTMAS EVE...
DO WE REALLY WANT TO SPEND CHRISTMAS EVE LISTENING TO KOBU?
(GROUP DATE IT IS!)
YOU JERKS!!
IT'S NOW THE SECOND WINTER SINCE WE FIRST MET.
HEY HARUNA! LET'S GO CHECK THIS OUT!
Nishi Station CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATION December 24th
ISN'T IT GOING TO BE CROWDED?
MAYBE BUT WHO CARES?
Sweet
MAYBE YOU WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE WE CAN BE ALONE?
NEVER MIND WE CAN GO TO THIS
Oh!
WHAT?
THIS'LL BE OUR SECOND CHRISTMAS TOGETHER...

SORRY... WE'VE GOT A BIG RESERVATION THE EVENING OF THE 24TH...
I NEED EVERYONE TO BE HERE...
BUT I...
PLEASE...! IT'S TOO LATE TO HIRE ANYONE NEW.
ARE YOU KIDDING?!
SORRY I COULDN'T SAY NO...
I'M SORRY
HEY! GET GOING TO THE GYM!
WHAT TIME DO YOU HAVE TO WORK TILL?
WITH CLEANUP IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO BE AFTER NINE...
SERIOUSLY...?
SIGH...
That's kinda late

WELL...
WE CAN...
...MAKE IT UP ON ANOTHER DAY, YOU KNOW?
YEAH...
I GUESS...
DEPRESSE
I KNOW YOU'RE DISAPPOINTED... NO NEED TO BE SO OBVIOUS!!
IT'S CHRISTMAS
BUT..
NOT LIKE IT MATTERS.
YOU'RE BUSYMUST REMEMBER?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
THAT'S NOT...
...
IT'S JUST THAT...
NOW I FEEL LIKE I WAS THE ONLY ONE LOOKING FORW. RD TO OUR DATE.
Huh?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HEY, THINK ABOUT THIS FOR A SEC.
WELL...

WHOSE FAULT IS IT THAT YOU HAVE TO GO TO STUDY HALL IN THE FIRST PLACE?
THAT'S ...
...TRUE, BUT..
YOU DON'T EVEN SEEM TO CARE...
WHAT ?!
SO YOU'D RATHER I BLAME YOU?
YELL AT YOU AND SAY, "WHAT RE YOU DOING, YOU IDIOT"?
Idiot ?
NO...
KNOCK IT OFF, YOU LOVEBIRDS.
THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE END OF THE SEMESTER'S GONNA START, MAN.
SMACK
OH..
SORRY ...
... ABOUT THAT..

LET'S CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS ON A DIFFERENT DAY..
IN ANY CASE ...
OKAY..
That was awkward...

WE STARTED WINTER BREAK BEFORE DECIDING WHEN OUR "DIFFERENT DAY" WOULD BE.
BUT IT WAS THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ...
IT WASN'T A BIG DEAL...

TIME WENT BY WITHOUT EITHER OF US CALLING THE OTHER...
HE'S THE ONE WITHOUT THE CELL PHONE, SO HE SHOULD CALL ME.
HE CAN BE SO STUBBORN ...
That kid.
IDIOT...
I'M NO DIFFERENT
I GUESS.
"NOW I FEEL LIKE I WAS THE ONLY ONE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR DATE."
HARUNA!
WILL YOU TAKE CARE OF THE TABLE OVER THERE?

EXCUSE ME!
SURE.
THAT CAKE SPECIAL THAT YOU HAVE ADVERTISED UP FRONT
IT'S A PRIX FIXE MENU LIMITED TO TODAY.
HARUNA? SORRY. DO YOU MIND GOING OUT AND GETTING SOME BAND-AIDS?
OH
I'VE ACTUALLY GOT SOME... I'LL GO GET THEM.
STAFF ROOM
I GUESS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO SLIP OUT IN THE EVENING ANYWAY
HE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE AS IT IS
OPEN
IF I FINISH AT NINE...
...AND SPEND 20 MINUTES GETTING READY...
IT'LL TAKE ME 15 MINUTES TO GET TO MACHARU'S HOUSE.
I WONDER IF I'LL BE INTRUDING IF I JUST SHOW UP.
Should I call him?
BUT I COULD JUST GIVE THIS TO HIM...

HMM ...
LOOKS LIKE IT'S EITHER A SCARF OR... MAYBE GLOVES?
SLAM
GAH!
ATSU ...?!
HUH?
HEY
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
IS THAT ANY WAY TO TALK TO YOUR SAVIOR?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GROUP DATE?
I FLAKED
I DECIDED I WOULD RATHER SPEND TIME WITH YOU THAN GIRLS FROM F ACADEMY
ARE YOU LISTENING?
...
IS THAT FOR MACHIRU?

I THOUGHT YOU TWO WERE FIGHTING.
YOU STILL GOT HIM SOMETHING THOUGH, HUH.
WE'RE NOT FIGHTING.
REALLY?
MACHARU SEEMED AWFULLY DISTRAUGHT WHEN HE WENT TO STUDY HELL...
I KNOW I'M DUMB!
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID!
SIGH...
That was mean of me
BET HE'LL BE SUPER STOKED
...WHEN YOU GIVE HIM THAT PRESENT.

HEY!
OH
I...
I'VE GOTTA GET BACK
SORRY YOU CAN CHANGE NOW
SL
A
M
I CAN STILL...
...GO ON!!

But I'm so motivated!!
MASARU
WE'RE DONE FOR THE DAY
WHAT THE HECK...?
Weirdo
HE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO CUZ HIS DATE FELL THROUGH.
SO YOU'RE SPENDING CHRISTMAS EVE ALONE, MACHARU?
I SEE, I SEE
WE'LL TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE NICE THEN
HUH?
GET YOUR STUFF TOGETHER, MAN.
WAIT A SEC I'M NOT GOING TO KOBUHEI'S SHOW
I'VE DECIDED TO STUDY STRAIGHT THROUGH UNTIL STUDY HALL IS OVER.
ONCE I FINISH IMPROVING MYSELF...
I'M GONNA GO WELCOME HARUNA INTO MY ARMS!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
C'MON LET'S GO HAVE SOME FUN

WAAAH
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M SORRY
He's fine
I'LL BRING OUT A TOWEL FOR YOU
THUNK
Here you go
Thank you
SANTA WON'T COME IF YOU KEEP CRYING
CALM DOWN, HONEY
WAAAH
How unromantic
Ha ha ha
I WAS JUST HANDED MY PRESENTS, SO...
NOT THAT I EVER BELIEVED IN SANTA EITHER
HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU STOPPED BELIEVING?
SANTA'S THE MAN
He finally calmed down
So useful
I GUESS THEY STILL BELIEVE IN HIM WHEN THEY'RE ABOUT THAT AGE

MACHARU WAS A BELIEVER UNTIL THIRD GRADE THOUGH.
REALLY?
UNTIL I SHATTERED HIS DREAMS. .
PRESENTS? DUDE, YOUR DAD PUTS THOSE UNDER THE TREE
NO!!
IN HIS LETTERS TO SANTA
HE WROTE STUFF LIKE "I WANT A COELACANTH."
LIKE HIS DAD COULD REALLY GET HIM THAT!
HA HA HA

BUT THAT'S KIND OF THE SAME MOTTO HE LIVES BY NOW.
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S POSSIBLE OR NOT
HE JUST WANTS WHAT HE WANTS.
So simple.

LIKE TODAY YOU REALLY WANTED TO SPEND THE DAY WITH HIM, RIGHT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
ME?
HUH?
WHEN YOU SAY YOU DON'T WANT SOMETHING WHEN YOU REALLY DO
HE HAS A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING YOU
AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHY
YEP
TO YOURSELF AND TO HIM.
YOU JUST SAID "OH WELL"
BUT WHEN IT DIDN'T HAPPEN
FAIR ENOUGH
HA HA HA
SORRY I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
SO YOU'RE NOT DISAPPOINTED WHEN YOU DON'T GET WHAT YOU WANT?
IS THAT BECAUSE YOU'R TRYING TO PROTECT YOURSELF?

I JUST...
...MAKE SURE...
...I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING I WANT TO BEGIN WITH.
...WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU LIKE IN THAT KIND OF SITUATION?

HELLO! WE'RE SECOND-YEARS FROM F ACADEMY!
NICE TO MEET YOU!
WE'RE SECOND-YEARS FROM KITA HIGH.
Likewise!

I'M GOING HOME.
WAIT! WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE JUST STAY!
Isn't that kid still in middle school?
Are they really the same age?
HE'S ADORABLE ♡
WHAT?!
HE KINDA LOOKS LIKE MY PET MONKEY, NANA...
WHAT KIND OF REASON IS THAT?!
HEY. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
WHY'RE YOU GOING HOME?
LET'S TALK!
Don't worry. We won't tell Haruna

I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND.
YOU IDIOT! WHY DID YOU SAY THAT?!
WHY NOT?
WE'RE ON A GROUP DATE, FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD!
HA!
HAHAHA
GIRLFRIEND?
NO WAY... NO WAY!
THAT'S GOTTA BE A LIE!
IF YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND..
...WHY AREN'T YOU WITH HER ON CHRISTMAS EVE?

That relationship's so over! I mean, did you even have a girlfriend to begin with
LEAVE YOUR COLDHEARTED GIRLFRIEND THEN
JUST HAVE FUN WITH US!
DON'T YOU WANT TO HANG OUT WITH SOMEONE ON CHRISTMAS EVE?
NO THANKS
THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON I WANT TO BE WITH.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH...
...BEING WITH HER RIGHT NOW...
...OR BEING WITH HER ON CHRISTMAS ...

SO...
SAVE IT! YOU'RE KILLING THE MOOD HERE!!
SMACK
OW!!
SORRY ABOUT THAT
It's a dumb.
LET'S HAVE A TOAST.
Cheers!
Here, have a drink.
HEY WHAT HAPPENED TO THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT?
Isn't he coming?
SORRY...HE SUDDENLY HAD TO GO TO WORK
ATSU WENT TO WORK?!
THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S WHY WE NEEDED YOU HERE.
So we can pair up

LET ME GO!
WAIT A SEC!
I'M LEAVING!
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP!
DON'T MENTION IT
Okay
okay
I KNOW I KNOW
SORRY
THAT'S WHY I'M APOLOGIZING
SO
HOW
HUH?
HOW'S IT GOING, MAN?
HELLO?
I GUESS I SHOULD APOLOGIZE AGAIN FOR FLAKING
And see what they're up to...
...
CRAK
OKAY.
I'M GONNA GET CHANGED FIRST

OPEN
YOU TOOK MACHARU TO THE GROUP DATE?!
WHAT?!
OH..
I MEAN...
THEY...
THEY TOOK HIM...
FORCED HIM, RATHER...
REALLY...
JEEZ.
WHAT IS HE THINKING?!
KLAK
HEY!
ATSHI!

HM?
WITH THE PRESENT ?
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
OH...
NOTHING.
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE TODAY.
SEE? I TOLD YOU...YOU NEVER SAY HOW YOU REALLY FEEL.

YOU'RE BEGINNING TO...
... MAKE ME MAD.
SLAM
SEE YOU
I'M TAKING OFF
GA

I'M MAD TOO.
ALL OF THIS
—WAS UN-PLANNED
OPEN

SLAM
LET GO OF ME!
DON'T BOTHER. I'M PRETTY STRONG.
ATSU...
HEY!
YUE?
ISN'T THIS...
... WHERE ...
WAIT A MINUTE, ATSU!
STOP YELLING.

YAY
"ATSU"?
ATSU?!
NO WAY!
WHERE'S MACHARU?
MACHARU'S
HEY ATSU
SANTA ATSU'S HERE!

...RIGHT THERE.
Are you okay Nana?
He's asleep...
HE ...KINDA JUST PASSED OUT
We weren't sure what to do
ZZZ...
Ummm

MACHARU
LET'S GO HOME
SORRY TO INTRUDE
I'LL TAKE HIM HOME.
OH...
OKAY
YOU GUYS GONNA BE OKAY?
I'M SURE HE'LL BE FINE ONCE WE'RE OUTSIDE
HEY
HARUNA...?
THE PLAY
WHAT ABOUT THE PLAY...?
HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL GOES ON FOR?!
COME ON, GET UP.
URRR

WANT HELP CARRYING HIM?
I'M FINE HE'S LIGHT
THANKS
I GUESS..
FOR BRINGING ME HERE..
WELL..
..
IT IS CHRISTMAS..
BUT...
...THIS IS YOUR ONLY FREEBIE.

I'LL CASH IN WHEN I WANT.
HA...
RELAY THAT TO THE MONKEY, WOULD YA?
It's your turn to ask, Mao!
Ooh! It's cold.

IT STARTED SNOWING
C'mon. Let's go home.
IT'S COLD
AH
CHOO
SHIVER
FLOP
NGH
MACHARI? YOU AWAKE?
IT'S YOURS.

YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT.
NO, YOU'RE NOT DREAMING!
I'M NOT DREAMING?!
I WAS AT A GROUP DATE
HUH
HEY
WHY ARE YOU... HERE?
IT'S WARM...

WHAT? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
OH...
YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
NO...
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I DIDN'T GET ANYTHING!
A present for you, I mean
OH NO!
EEP!
"YOU SAY YOU DON'T WANT SOMETHING WHEN YOU REALLY DO."
NOTHING.
HUH?

THE FIRST SNOW OF THE SEASON FELL DURING OUR SECOND CHRISTMAS TOGETHER...

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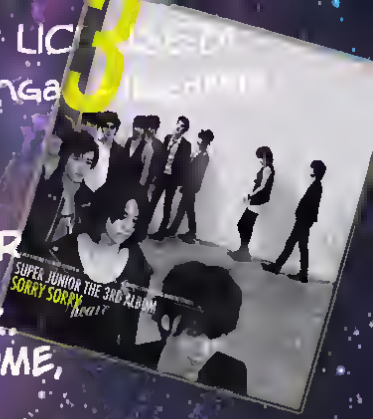

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NEW YEAR'S EVE
IS MORE THAN
A COUNTDOWN

DING
DONG
MACHARU!
COME OUT AND PLAY!
DOOR
MASARU! ATSU'S HERE!
TMP TMP TMP
HOW'S YOUR MOTHER?
SHE'S FINE SHE'S ALREADY IN BED CUZ SHE HAS TO WORK TOMORROW
ATSU!
LET'S GO!

Monkey High!

NEW YEAR'S EVE
SHOOT WE'RE GONNA BE LATE!
WHO CARES WE'VE STILL GOT 30 MINUTES BEFORE NEW YEAR'S
BUT I'M SURE THEY'RE ALL WAITING FOR US!
HMM INTERESTING
YOU CAN DO A LOT WITH THESE STRINGS ON THE SIDE!
TUG
AHHH!
YOU'RE CHOKING ME!
YOU'RE STRETCHING MY HAT OUT!!
snap !!
IS THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT FROM HARUNA?
The hat?
YEP!
She gave it to me!
HEY...
I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING, REALLY...
I FEEL LIKE I MIGHT HAVE BEEN DREAMING BUT...
I HEARD YOU WERE THE ONE WHO BROUGHT HARUNA TO ME ON CHRISTMAS EVE...
BY THE WAY...
TINT TINT

"THIS IS YOUR ONLY FREEBIE."
DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING TO HARUNA?
"I'LL CASH IN WHEN I WANT."
I'M NOT THAT CARELESS
YEAH, RIGHT.
WHAT?!
I TOLD HER I LIKED HER

I'LL WAIT UNTIL THE TIME'S RIGHT.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN...?
I'M JUST SAYING YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF ROOM FOR THAT KIND OF THING TO HAPPEN IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP.
I DON'T THINK THERE'S A LOT TO EXPLAIN.
WHAT THE HECK...?!
YOU JUST DON'T GET IT.
YOU MAY BE GOING OUT WITH HER...
BUT THERE ARE THINGS...
...THAT ARE BLATANTLY OBVIOUS TO ME THAT YOU JUST DON'T SEE

SO...
JUST WHAT...
...ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

HEY!
THERE YOU ARE!
HEY ATSU!
Yo!
HELLO.
I THINK YOU UNDER-STAND.

OH
HARUNA
HARUNA
IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
HEY!
HELLO, HARUNA!
I'M SO HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO SPEND NEW YEAR'S WITH YOU!
ATSU!!
WHAT?
...
NOTHING
C'MON HARUNA

HUH?
WAIT...
what a handsome couple they are
It's cold
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
WITH ATSU?
NO...
OKAY
AS LONG AS EVERY-THING'S FINE

IT'S BETTER THIS WAY
You were such a flirt!
WE KINDA LOST EVERYBODY THOUGH
BUT I DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH THEIR TEASING WHEN WE MEET UP LATER
WHO CARES?
LET'S GO.
HUH?
WAIT
MACHARU

OOH
IT'S SWEET
Yummy
Gulp
SWEET ICE DRINK
SHOVE
YOU GO THIS WAY INSTEAD.
WELL, YOU ARE!!
You can't drink wine
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A KID!!
THEY'RE GIVING SOMETHING OUT!
OH!
Let's go see what it is!
Here you go
NO WAIT!
GEH!
HA HA
I TOLD YOU
I mean they're giving out sake and it's not even New Year's yet. The people handing it out are already drunk
"THERE ARE THINGS...
MACHARU?
...THAT ARE BLATANTLY OBVIOUS TO ME THAT YOU JUST DON'T SEE."

I WAS HELPING AROUND THE HOUSE WITH COOKING AND CLEANING, SO I HAD TO RECOUP IN THE AFTERNOON.
YEAH.
HA HA HA
NO! I TOOK A NAP THIS AFTERNOON!
REALLY?
ARE YOU TIRED?
HUH?
YEAH.
OH
HEY, LET'S GO GET SOME TAKOYAKI!
"Can I eat this late?"
Why not? That's the best part about New Year's!
IS IT BAD?
IT'S...
...COLD.
THIS IS...
URRR...

HERE, TRY ONE.
NO THANKS.
C'MON JUST ONE!
OH
YOU'RE RIGHT...
It's not that good either...
I TOLD YOU!!
That's horrible!
SHOOOT!! IT'S MY LAST TAKOYAKI OF THE YEAR TOO!!
OH, WHO CARES AT LEAST IT'S MEMORABLE
The cold takoyaki
THAT'S NO GOOD! I'LL BE ANNOYED EVERY TIME I REMEMBER!!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
I'VE GOT TO GET MY HANDS ON A GOOD ONE
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS
Do you see another stand?
HEY MACHARU!
ERE'S ONE!

California
HAVE YOU AND ATSU...
...BEEN FRIENDS SINCE YOU WERE REALLY LITTLE?
WHY DO YOU ASK?
I WAS JUST WONDERING SINCE YOU LIVE SO CLOSE TO EACH OTHER.
NOT REALLY
HE TRANSFERRED INTO MY THIRD GRADE CLASS DURING THE WINTER SEMESTER.
REALLY ?
SO YOU WERE TOLD BY THIS NEW TRANSFER STUDENT
...THAT SANTA DIDN'T EXIST?

"HEY! YOUR HOUSE IS THIS WAY? ME TOO!"
I REMEMBER. I WAS SO EXCITED BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE ANYBODY IN MY CLASS WHO LIVED CLOSE BY
SO I STARTED TALKING TO HIM ON MY WAY HOME.
THAT YOU BELIEVED IN SANTA UNTIL YOU WERE IN THE THIRD GRADE
ATSU TOLD ME
The other day
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HUH?
Ha ha ha
THAT'S
NO!!
WHY THE PAPER BAGS WERE THE SAME ONES FROM THE DEPARTMENT STORE!!
I HAD MY SUSPICIONS!
"YOUR STUPIDITY'S GOING TO RUB OFF. GET AWAY FROM ME."
"I HAVE A PLAN!"
"WANNA COME STAY UP WITH ME SO WE CAN SPY ON SANTA?"
ATSU WAS A TRANSFER STUDENT TOO, HUH?
THAT'S FUNNY.
OH...
HE REJECTED ME!
HA HA HA.

WHY...
...DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT ATSU?
SHOVE
MICHIRU ?
LET'S MAKE OUT.

DON'T WORRY. NOBODY CAN SEE HERE.
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU!?
HUH?
BUT...
I...
WAIT...
QUIT IT!
NO!
SHOVE

COUGH
I SAID NO!
WHY NOT ...?
YOU DON'T EVEN SEE ME RIGHT NOW!
WH

YOU GUYS GOT IN A FIGHT, RIGHT?
I GET IT.
YOU'VE BEEN OBSESSING OVER ATSU FOR THE WHOLE NIGHT NOW!
YOU'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT ME...
IT WASN'T THAT YOU WANTED TO BE ALONE WITH ME.
THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BE WITH EVERYONE ELSE RIGHT NOW.
BUT...
AND IT'S REALLY NONE OF MY BUSINESS...
IT HAPPENS...
IT...
IT'S OKAY.
THAT'S ...

I DON'T WANT OUR LAST KISS OF THE YEAR TO BE LIKE THIS.
I'M GOING HOME.
YOU'RE SOMEWHERE ELSE ANYWAY.

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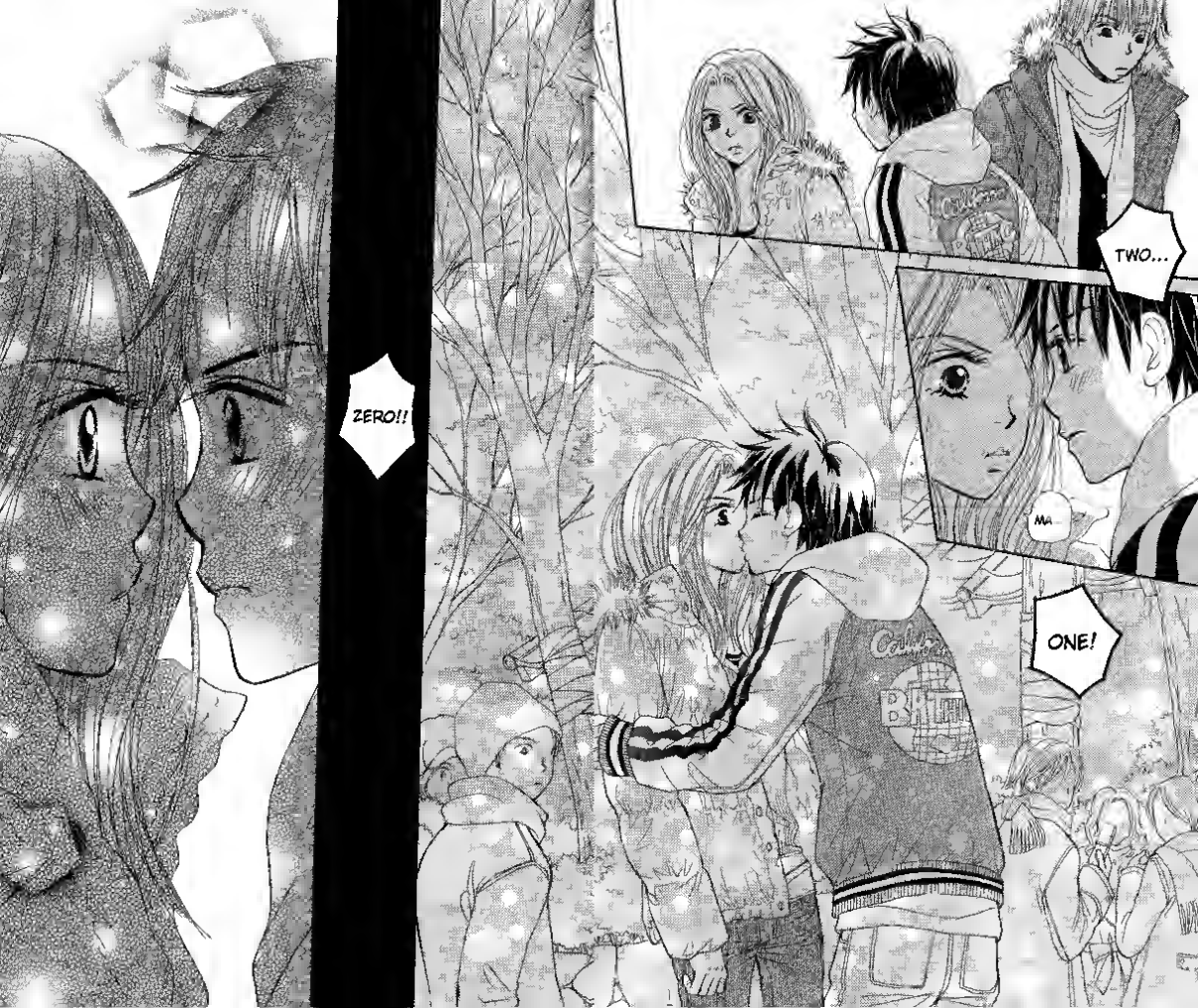
YOU SHOULD MAKE UP WITH ATSU.
SQUAT
SHE HAS NO IDEA...
"YOU JUST DON'T GET IT."

HEY
I JUST GOT A TEXT FROM HARUNA...
SHE SAYS SHE'S GOING HOME
I WONDER WHY?
I THOUGHT SHE WAS HANGING OUT WITH MACHARU
MEANING...
SHE'S...
...GOING SOMEWHERE TO REALLY BE ALONE WITH MACHARU?!
No way!!
THE MONKEY DOESN'T HAVE THE SKILLS TO PULL OFF SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
NO WAY...
BUT MAYBE HE PANICKED...?
SORRY.
I GOTTA...
...GO TO THE BATHROOM.
ATSU?
Well hurry up. It's almost New Year's!!

SIGH... WHY DID I EVEN COME HERE?
We should start counting down.
How many more minutes?
I WANTED TO BE WITH HIM FOR THE LAST MOMENT OF THIS YEAR..
...AND THE FIRST MOMENT OF THE NEXT...
BUT...
HARUNA!
JUST BEING WITH HIM WAS ENOUGH

HEY!
WHERE S —?
Huh?
YOU'RE ALONE?
WHERE'S MACHARU?
WHO KNOWS.
HUH?
WHAT ?
WHAT HAPPENED ?
SORRY.
I'M NOT REALLY IN THE MOOD TO TALK TO YOU RIGHT NOW.
Eh?
WH ..?
WH ..
WHY?

I DON'T KNOW...
JEALOUSY, PROBABLY.
HUH?
ER...
I DON'T GET IT
LET'S START!
ONE
SIX
FIVE
ATSU!
FOUR...
MA CHAKU
GET OUT OF MY WAY!
THREE...


ZERO!!
TWO...
MA
ONE!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
WHOO-HOO
WH
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
SORRY

...WE HAD A GOOD LAST KISS FOR THIS YEAR.
I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE...
OH...
I GUESS IT'S LAST YEAR NOW.
WHAT?
A GOOD KISS?
YOU...
THAT'S...
WHAT KIND OF STUPID...?!
HEY, HEY...
HARUNA...

YOU'RE TOTALLY MAKING A SCENE.
Ha ha ha
Ha... A couple, huh?
WAIT...
HOW...
...YOU GUYS...?
WE SAW MACHARU RUN OVER HERE
AFTER YOU LEFT.
AND YOU, ATSU?
what're you doing here?
I WAS LOOKING FOR A BATHROOM WHEN I SAW HARUNA...
WE THOUGHT HE'D ALREADY GONE HOME WITH HARUNA...
SO WE CHASED AFTER HIM.
BUT LO AND BEHOLD...
THEY WERE ACTUALLY ENACTING THEIR VERY OWN LOVE SCENE HERE!
REALLY, YOU LOVEBIRDS!
THIS SUCKS.

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE KISS.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO APOLOGIZE, DON'T DO IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.
SORRY...
SORRY FOR ACTING WEIRD TODAY.
IT HAPPENED "LAST YEAR."
ANYWAY
LET'S FORGET ABOUT IT

I'M GLAD YOU'RE SMILING NOW...
C'MON! LET'S GO PAY OUR NEW YEAR'S RESPECTS!!
Oh yeah..! I forgot that's what we came for.
ATSU.

Come here.
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU, MAN TO MAN.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION...
...NOTHING CHANGES JUST BECAUSE I SAW YOU GUYS KISS.
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
YEAH, IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME EITHER.
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SEE...
...OR WHAT YOUR INTENTIONS ARE...

...AND THE TIME WE SPEND TOGETHER...
LIKE HARUNA WHO'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME...
THOSE ARE THINGS THAT ONLY I CAN SEE.
...I'M GOING TO KEEP LOOKING AT WHAT I CAN SEE.
HA
YOUR...

YOU KEEP UP THAT DUMB POSITIVE THINKING
I guess I'll go pray for the dumb people to split
well then.
...IS NAUSEATING !!
SHRCH SHRCH
POSITIVE THINKING
O W W !!
SHRCH

THINGS THAT YOU CAN SEE AND THINGS THAT YOU CANNOT...

THINGS THAT WE UNDERSTAND AND THINGS THAT WE DON'T...

THE NEW YEAR BEGINS WITH SO MANY THOUGHTS...

MONKEY HIGH! (5) *THE END*

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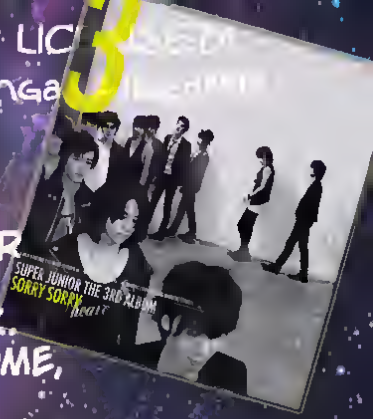

HELLO!
I'M BACK!
SORRY IT TOOK A LONG TIME FOR
THIS TO BE RELEASED!
ANYWAYS... ENJOY THE 5TH BOOK.
IT GETS MORE AND MORE AWESOME,
I TELL YOU :)

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